

Question 2: Pesticide Use Worksheets

Reference:

Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Private and Commercial Applicators

Unit 1: Principles of Pest Control, Pages 3 and 4

Pest Identification

Accurate identification is the first step in an effective pest management program. The characteristics or attributes that allow a pest manager to correctly identify and control pests are:

- The physical features of the pests,**
- Characteristics of the damage caused by the pests,**
- The development and biology of the pests,**
- If the pests problems are continuous, sporadic, or potential, and**
- Is the pest management goal that of prevention, suppression, or eradication.**

Control a pest only when it is causing or is expected to cause more harm than is acceptable. Use a control strategy that will reduce the pest numbers to an acceptable level while not endangering nontarget plants, animals, and the environment.